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IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY OF AGRO BASED INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the technology of the agro-based industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any delegation from Kerala and Tripura had visited China in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits accrued thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Government have taken various steps to improve and upgrade the technology content of the agro-based & rural industries. There are a large number of Government departments such as the Department of Science & Technology, DSIR/ CSIR, Ministry of Food Processing, Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries, KVIC, etc., who are regularly engaged in the process of technology development and upgradation in the sector.

(c) & (d) APCTT-ESCAP, a UN Agency had organized a delegation to China which included one bamboo artisan from Tripura and Kerala to identify the equipment/ machinery suitable for modernization and technical upgradation of bamboo and cane based enterprises and for upgrading the skills and capabilities of bamboo artisans through training programmes. The APCTT is a UN Agency, working closely with National agencies both in the Centre and States and S&T Institutions in identification, transfer and utilization of selected technologies as well as in the implementation of specific technology upgradation cum demonstration programmes in agro/rural sector such as bamboo.